

Southern Nicobarese language

Southern Nicobarese is a Nicobarese language, spoken on the Southern Nicobar Islands of Little Nicobar (Ong), Great Nicobar (Lo'ong), and a couple small neighboring islands, Kondul (Lamongshe) and Pulo Milo (Milo Island). Each is said to have its own dialect.

Distribution

Parmanand Lal (1977:23)^[3] reported 11 Nicobarese villages with 192 people in all, located mostly along the western coast of Great Nicobar Island. Pulo-babi village was the site of Lal's extensive ethnographic study.

- Pulo-kunyi
- Kopenhaiyen
- Kashindon
- Koye
- Pulo-babi
- Batadiya
- Kakaiyu
- Pulo-pucca
- Ehengloy
- Pulo-baha
- Chinge

Lal (1977:104) also reported the presence of several Shompen villages in the interior of Great Nicobar Island.

- Dakade (10 km northeast of Pulo-babi, a Nicobarese village; 15 persons and 4 huts)
- Puithey (16 km southeast of Pulo-babi)
- Tataiya (inhabited by the Dogmar River Shompen group, who had moved from Tataiya to Pulo-kunyi between 1960 and 1977)

See also

- Shompen language, also spoken on Great Nicobar

Southern Nicobarese	
	Sambelong
Native to	India
Region	Little Nicobar, Great Nicobar
Native speakers	7,500 (2001 census) ^[1]
Language family	Austroasiatic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nicobarese ▪ Southern Nicobarese
Dialects	Great Nicobarese <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little Nicobarese Shompen
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	nik
Glottolog	sout2689 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/sout2689) ^[2]
	
Location in the Bay of Bengal.	
Coordinates: 6.83°N 93.80°E	

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